

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-mentioned application:

1. (Previously Amended) A control module for a motor vehicle, comprising:
a seat coupled to the vehicle;
a housing coupled to the seat;
at least one locking element coupled to the housing that is configured to resiliently deflect, and releasably secure the housing in the seat when the at least one locking element assumes a locking position;
a push button coupled to the at least one locking element, the push button configured to resiliently deflect the locking element into a position that releases the housing; and
a switch coupled to the housing, the switch having an opening therein that enables the locking element to move into the release position only when the switch is rotated to a defined switching position.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Amended) A control module according to Claim 1, wherein the defined switching position for release of the locking element includes a position into which the switch is not moved during normal operation of the motor vehicle.

4. (Previously Amended) A control module according to Claim 1, wherein each push button and each associated locking element form a slide/push connection, which transfers a movement of the push button to the locking element.

5. (Previously Amended) A control module for a motor vehicle, comprising:
a seat coupled to the vehicle;
a housing coupled to the seat;
a switch coupled to the housing;
at least one locking element coupled to the housing and configured to resiliently deflect, and to releasably secure the housing in the seat when the at least one locking element is in a locking position; and
a push button coupled to the at least one locking element and configured to unlock the at least one locking element enabling it to be deflected, and wherein the switch is further configured to act upon the at least one locking element and resiliently deflect it into a position that releases the housing.

6. (Previously Amended) A control module according to Claim 5, wherein the push button and locking element form a groove and tongue connection that is released upon operation of the push button.

7. (Previously Amended) A control module for a motor vehicle, comprising:
a seat coupled to the vehicle;
a housing coupled to the seat;
a switch coupled to the housing;
at least one locking element coupled to the housing and configured to resiliently deflect and releasably secure the housing in the seat when the at least one locking element is in a locking position; and
a push button configured to unlock the switch enabling it to rotate, and wherein the switch is further configured to resiliently deflect the at least one locking element to a release position and release the housing.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Amended) The control module according to Claim 5, wherein the locking element is further configured such that an increased force expenditure is necessary to move the switch into the defined switching position to release the locking element.

10. (Previously Amended) The control module according to Claim 1, wherein the switch is configured as a rotary switch.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for releasing a vehicular control module from a seat, the control module having a housing with a switch, wherein the housing has at least one resiliently deflectable locking element, and wherein the locking element is prevented from deflecting into a release position when a groove and tongue connection is engaged, the groove and tongue connection having a pushbutton actuator, the method comprising the steps of:

releasing the groove and tongue connection by depressing the pushbutton actuator, operating a push button to release the locking element from a locking position;
and

moving the switch into a defined switching position to resiliently deflect the locking element into a release position.

12. (Cancelled)